

Fair tonight, increasing
cloudiness Tuesday;
easterly winds.

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TAFT IN MISSOURI FIGHTING BIG ODDS

Republican Candidate Hopes
to Overcome Admitted
Lead of the Democrats.

GETS PLEDGE FROM ONE LABOR LEADER

Is Informed in Kansas That Work-
ingmen Vote According to Their
Political Convictions.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 5.—Judge Taft
begins today the most difficult work
of his present tour, when he tackles the
task of trying to overturn the lead Dem-
ocrats are admitted to have at present
in the State of Missouri.

As things stand now, Missouri will go
Democratic by 25,000 or 30,000 votes. This
lead, however, can be overcome by the
candidate's speeches and by hard and
systematic work by the State politicians
between now and election day.

According to Senator Warren, who is
on board the Taft special today, on the
other hand, the Democrats are con-
stantly claiming that the State will go
Democratic by 75,000.

Before entering Missouri for speech-
making today, Taft went in an auto-
mobile from Kansas City, Mo., to Kansas
City, Kan., and addressed a big meeting
of labor men there. He spoke from the
steps of the public library, paying his
respects to Samuel Gompers, as has
been his custom during the entire tour.
When he said Gompers has put the
labor vote of the country in the Demo-
cratic party, a man in the crowd called
out: "Not on your life, Bill, we vote
the way we think." After the speech
he was presented with a large cluster
of American Beauty roses by State Sen-
ator James F. Getty, who said:
"We are glad to inform you, sir, that
Gompers does not carry the vote of the
laboring men of Kansas in his pocket,
nor can he deliver the vote according to
his pleasure. The laboring men of
Kansas vote according to their political
convictions."

Two More Speeches.

Taft made two more five-minute
speeches in Kansas, one at Leavenworth
and one at Atchison. In both places he
was received with enthusiasm, although
it was raining hard and the air cold
enough to make people shiver. His
hearers, however, raised their umbrellas
or stood in the rain and heard him
through.

Kansas, it seems, is certainly for
Taft, as the prosperity issue on which
he dwelt this morning, the fact that
the farmers and business men can-
not afford to have the country go Demo-
cratic because a Democratic adminis-
tration would mean a depression in busi-
ness of every description. It is esti-
mated that he has heard here by 25,000.

Normally Democratic.

Missouri is a State which has gone
Republican only once and that was four
years ago when Roosevelt carried it by a
margin none too wide. Its vote for
Roosevelt was a part of the Roosevelt
landslide. Normally it is a Democratic
State and the Democrats have worked
up their end of the campaign in good
shape.

COAST IS FOR TAFT, DECLARES FLEMING

David J. Fleming, one of the largest
manufacturers in California, assured
President Roosevelt this morning that
no fear might be entertained that
California being in the Republican col-
umn. He thinks the State will go for
Taft by 50,000. Mr. Fleming is a close
friend of Secretary McCall. He was
accompanied by James F. Kelly, of New
York.

OFFICERS ARE NAMED FOR SCHOOL CADETS

Board of Education Holds Special
Meeting Today to Confirm
Appointments.

Appointments of staff officers for the
Washington High School Cadets and the
estimates for the school appropriation
for the coming year were presented to
the Board of Education at a special
meeting at Franklin school this after-
noon. The committee on examination
for cadet officers has not yet reported
the winners of the competition, but the
regimental staff is complete.

WEATHER REPORT.

Fair weather will continue in the Mid-
dle Eastern and Southeastern States to-
night, followed in the Middle Atlantic
States Tuesday by increasing cloudiness.
The winds along the middle and south
Atlantic coasts will be fresh northeast-
erly, and on the east Gulf coast light to
fresh easterly.

TEMPERATURE.

WEATHER BUREAU.
9 a. m. 57
10 a. m. 62
11 a. m. 65
12 noon. 67
1 p. m. 67
2 p. m. 68
3 p. m. 70

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises. 6:30 a. m.
Sun sets. 5:29 p. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High water today. 2:35 p. m.
Low water today. 10:12 a. m., 10:28 p. m.
High water tomorrow. 4:24 a. m., 4:58 p. m.
Low water tomorrow. 11:13 a. m., 11:24 p. m.

The Washington Times

WASHINGTON, MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5, 1908.

FINANCIAL
LAST EDITION
With Closing N. Y. Stock Prices.

PRICE ONE CENT.

HOT SHOTS FIRED BY COMPTROLLER

A receiver who will keep his trust
unsettled a day longer than is nec-
essary for the purpose of getting an
unearned salary is practicing polite
robbery.

There is a general disposition to be
liberal in the expenditure of money
belonging to other people.

Carelessness or lack of judgment, or
blundering, or whatever you may call
it, will not be tolerated.

If any of your salaries are exces-
sive they will be cut.

Receivarships will be put on a
square business basis.

We have some men in the service
now whose one idea is to do their
duty.

Comptroller, in Strong Ad-
dress, Demands Higher
Efficiency.

The receivers of national banks "got
their" today.

Comptroller Lawrence O. Murray, of
the Treasury Department, gathered six-
teen of them in his office this morning,
and while he was not nearly so severe
as he was when he faced the bank ex-
aminers recently, he talked very plainly.

He told them that he did not intend
to tolerate blundering or carelessness,
and that he considered delay in closing
up the affairs of a bank in order to get
more salary a "little form of robbery."

Comptroller Murray said a few things
that sounded good to the ears of the
receivers, however. He said many of
them were devoted to their work and
duty, and could not be equalled in this
respect.

The meeting held this morning was
the beginning of a series of conferences
which the Controller has arranged for
the purpose of increasing the efficiency
of the corps of receivers.

The meetings will be held at the head-
quarters of the Washington chapter of
the American Institute of Bank Clerks,
1214 F street northwest. Questions in-
volving the settlement of banks placed
in the hands of receivers will be con-
sidered and discussed, with a view to
the improvement of the methods now in
vogue, and the adoption of such changes
as will expedite the work of winding up
the affairs of "sick" banks.

Mr. Murray's Address.

Comptroller Murray said:

"The one fault most common with
receivers is delay in closing their trusts,
but there have been many exceptions.

Many of you are entirely without
fault in this respect. A receiver who
will keep his trust unsettled a day
longer than is necessary for the pur-
pose of getting an unearned salary, or
his attorney who will put in a bill and
try to get it paid for more than his
services have been worth, are each
practicing polite robbery.

"In administering your trust you must
be economical. It is expediting to a
depositor to have an additional wrong
committed by extravagance in the dis-
tribution of what the dishonest officers
have been unable to carry away or lose
in bad loans. There is a general dis-
position to be liberal in the expenditure
of money and to do other things that
a receiver should act with the same de-
gree of economy and with as much care
as a prudent business man would ex-
ercise in attending to his own affairs.

Get out of your mind the impression
which some may have, that a receiver
is an easy, good-paying job for the
receiver, his employees, and for the
attorneys.

"When a matter is placed in the hands
of your attorney, do not regard it as off
your hands. The law's delay may at
times be unavoidable, but it can be ex-
pedited to some extent by a receiver who
does things. You should know your
case is delayed and let your lawyer un-
derstand that. No matter through
what influence the attorney may have
been selected, he will be promptly dis-
charged if he is found to be incompetent;
negligent, or delaying the closing of the
trust; and you report the facts here.

Wants to Be Sure.

"When a recommendation comes to
this office for the sale of an asset of
your trust, or the compromise of a claim
against a debtor of your trust, I want
to feel sure that that recommendation,
whatever it may be, may be relied on as
being for the best interests of all con-
cerned, and the very best possible thing
that can be done under the circum-
stances. Recommendations have been
made to this office by different recep-
vers, which have not met with the ap-
proval of the Comptroller and have
been sent back for further consideration;
and after further consideration by the
receiver his recommendation has been
changed.

"Now, if a piece of property belong-
ing to a trust is knowingly sold for
less than you can get for it, you are
simply cheating the creditors or stock-
holders to that extent. And if you make
a compromise with a man who owes
your trust for less than he ought to
pay, and for less than he can pay, and
you know it, you are not only cheating
the creditors of your trust as well, but
you are misleading the Comptroller,
who approves the recommendation, and
the judge who grants the order for
such compromise.

"Carelessness or lack of judgment or
blundering, or whatever you may call
it, will not be tolerated.

"The receiver should, by his manage-
ment in the early stages of his trust,
acquire a reputation for enforcing the
law promptly in the collection of
claims. Give the people who get mon-
ey out of the bank to understand that
they must pay it back or be promptly
sued. If you are easy-going, or are in-
clined to compromise, or will let a man
go because it is cheaper to do so, you
are worse than useless as a recep-
ver."

"And do not talk of compromises with
the men who owe the bank the day
you take charge of the trust. The time
to compromise, generally, is after legal
action has been taken."

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DEMOCRATS ACCUSE "INDUE INFLUENCE"

Hudspeth Declares Republi-
cans Are Preparing to
Buy Election.

HITCHCOCK LEAVES TODAY FOR WEST

Has Too Little Money, He Says, to
Do Any Buying of Votes.
Is Confident.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The campaign
today reached the stage at which the
Democrats inaugurated their claim that
the Republicans are going to buy the
election.

"We hear," said Vice Chairman Hud-
speth, talking for Chairman Mack in
the latter's absence, "that the Republi-
cans have got some money, and as-
surances of plenty more, and that they
are going to use it in the most prac-
tical ways in the last days of the
campaign. Now, if this becomes an ef-
fort to buy the election, we want to
say that it will not go this year."

"We are making an organization of
volunteer lawyers, who propose to pro-
secute everybody who undertakes cor-
ruption, undue influence or corruption."

At Republican headquarters, both
Chairman Hitchcock and Treasurer
Sheldon laughed when told of this
threat. They opined that whatever
might be their intentions in such a mat-
ter, they were not at all liable to buy
any elections this year with the funds
at their command.

Hitchcock Is Confident.

Mr. Hitchcock, who left early in the
afternoon for Chicago, said he was con-
fident now of victory.

"We have not been making claims,
and are not anxious to do so now,"
he said. "But whereas earlier in the
fight we didn't have detailed informa-
tion on which to base forecasts, we
now have it, and it is highly satis-
factory."

Senator Guggenheim of Colorado was
at headquarters, and declared positively
that Colorado was certain to go Republi-
can. Governor Fort, of New Jersey,
also called, and said that State would
go for Taft by at least 40,000. On the
other hand, Vice Chairman Hudspeth
declared Jersey now decidedly debatable
land.

"New Jersey," he said, "is one State
in which President Roosevelt is pecu-
liarly unpopular. Mr. Longworth's
promise of the establishment of a Roose-
velt dynasty is a fine thing for us in
New Jersey."

Not Much Money.

Reports which were brought by Wash-
ington dispatches of this morning, that
President Roosevelt, has taken hold with
the vigor of the effort to raise money
for the Republicans, were
declared at Treasurer Sheldon's office
to have absolutely no foundation so far
as known. Likewise it was again in-
sisted that there had never been received
the least evidence that the President
is displeased with Mr. Sheldon's con-
duct of his work. It was admitted that
there isn't money in considerable quan-
tities, and that there isn't any reason
to expect much improvement in the
situation.

"Talk about ginger in the campaign,"
said an official there, "is well enough,
but you can't get ginger without money.
Money means meetings, speakers, or-
ganization, rockets, and red fire; you
can't get 'em without it."

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD
BOY MAY BE LOST

Police Asked to Locate Lester Mc-
Donald—Wears Red Plaid
Cap and Gray Suit.

Police all over the District have been
furnished with a description of Lester
McDonald, a thirteen-year-old boy, who
is thought to be lost somewhere in
Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. McDonald, the
boy's parents, a few months ago
moved to Washington Junction, Md.,
from Pittsburgh, decided last week to
come to Washington to live. Lester ar-
rived in Washington Thursday morning,
and his parents, who were going to walk
to this city, were to meet him that
night.

When his mother and father failed to
arrive Lester obtained a room at 221
New Jersey avenue northwest. His
parents did not get here until Friday
night.

The boy wore a red plaid cap and a
suit of mixed gray material. Mrs. Mc-
Donald said her son had several soft
pillow covers, which she thinks he may
be trying to sell. The police think the
boy may have started back to Wash-
ington Junction.

SECULAR LEAGUE
AGAIN IN SESSION

The Secular League has opened its
sessions for the year at Pythian Temple
with an inaugural address by the presi-
dent, Hyland C. Kirk, on "The Scope
of Secularism."

According to Mr. Kirk, secularism is
founded on principles identical with
those of the United States Government—
free thought and free speech being in-
alienable to the physical and mental per-
fection of man.

SHOOTS WIFE, GIRL, SELF.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—George H. Gilson
this morning shot and probably fatally
wounded his wife, and attempted to kill
Miss Jennie Barnes, then turned the
weapon upon himself and committed
suicide. Gilson and his wife recently
separated. His rash act is attributed to
jealousy.

§33-30 to Milwaukee and Return,
October 7 to 13, via Pennsylvania Rail-
road. Tickets good to return until Oc-
tober 21. See ticket agent—Adva.

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BULGARIA IS DECLARED FREE; WAR FEARED; POWERS WORRIED



Proclamation Issued by
Prince Ferdinand Was
No Surprise.

ARMY OF 340,000
READY FOR FIELD

England and France Enter Protest,
Fearing General European
War Will Follow.

SOFIA, Oct. 5.—Prince Ferdinand to-
day issued a proclamation declaring
Bulgaria free and independent.

Immediately upon Ferdinand's arrival
in Rusehuk last night from Austria,
he was handed a cipher telegram from
Prime Minister M. Radeff, marked ur-
gent, calling him to Timova.

Here he was joined by his ministers
and the conference lasted from mid-
night until 8 o'clock this morning when
the proclamation was issued. It was
held up temporarily to enable an of-
ficial notification to be sent to the pow-
ers before giving the news to the press.



PRINCE FERDINAND
Of Bulgaria (above), and Emperor
Francis Joseph of Austria (below),
map of region involved. Black portions
show location of Bosnia and Herz, the
provinces annexed by Austria. Shaded
portion is Bulgaria.

A conference of war ministers and
chiefs of staff followed. Telegrams were
sent throughout the whole of Bulgaria,
ordering the immediate mobilization of
all available soldiers.

It is expected to have an army of at
least 340,000 ready for the field within
three days. The work of fitting out an
army is accomplished in rushing the
present situation having been forecast
for a long time. Bulgaria has been
prepared for just what has taken place.

Ferdinand is now in conference with
representatives of foreign banks relative
to the financing of the war.

Opens New Era.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Europe today
stands upon the threshold of a new era,
the basis of which will be the new
East—a movement which will spread
rapidly, once the independence of Bul-
garia is accorded by the other na-
tions of the earth.

News from Timova, that Prince
Ferdinand had actually signed a repudi-
cation of Bulgaria's vassalage to Turkey
and had proclaimed himself the Bul-
garian Czar, occasioned no surprise in
the foreign office here, where news of
such a move was momentarily expect-
ed.

The Bulgarian program, it is believed
here, will unquestionably be to force
a declaration of war from Turkey,
when 130,000 Bulgarian soldiers stand
ready to seize Adrianople, a city of
European Turkey, 137 miles northwest
of Constantinople, preparatory to at-
tacking the Turkish capital. Already
the Bulgarian soldiers are mobilizing
near Adrianople, according to messages
received today.

Prince Ferdinand and the cabinet are
reported to have acted in complete har-
mony in the declaration of independ-
ence. The cabinet promulgated the de-
claration and Prince Ferdinand, who
arrived in Sofia last night, immediately
signed the document.

Text Not Made Public.

The text of the declaration has been
telegraphed to all the European chan-
celleries, but it is being withheld from
the public pending the receipt of replies
from various governments. The de-
claration is being utilized in rushing the
completion of Bulgaria's military plans.

The French and British foreign offices,
temporarily isolated by the new align-
ment, are preparing a joint note of protest
against Austria-Hungary's propo-
sal to annex Bosnia and Herzegovina,
now virtually a part of the empire, but
nominally belonging to Turkey.

The United Press dispatches last week
gave the first intimation of Austria's in-
tention toward Bosnia and Herzegovina.
For diplomatic reasons, Austria entered
England's domain, but today's develop-
ments show that this action may be ex-
pected not later than tomorrow.

The English foreign office does not
disguise its conviction that it has been
treacherously outgeneraled in a scheme
that can have but one outcome—the
wholesale smothering of all of the most
important European treaties.

The stock exchange reflected the war-
like atmosphere, console dropping from
eleven to sixteen points, and the market
being the flattest it has been in months.

England and France Busy.

The foreign offices of England and
France, which were apparently the only
ones of the great nations not consulted
by Austria in her plan to annex Bos-
nia and Herzegovina, are now busily en-
gaged in trying to find out how Austria
purchased the acquiescence of the other
powers.

Germany is alleged to have been ac-
tuated chiefly by revenge against
England and France in her support of
the scheme. It is believed, too, that
Germany seeks to overcome the anti-
German feeling of the new Turkish
regime by this act.

Italy is believed to have been prom-
ised immunity in Tripoli in the ar-
rangement, and an Albanian port. Rus-
sia's hope is undoubtedly to obtain a
modification in the restrictions that now
deny her an outlet for her Black sea
fleet.

England and France are now in con-
ference over a proposal to demand a
new conference of the powers to pre-
vent such arrangement, which, it is de-
clared, is so injurious to their interests
that a general European war would
follow its consummation.

MODERN "ROUND TABLE."

MONTREAL, Oct. 5.—The city is
shocked by the discovery that a score
of men belonging to excellent French-
Canadian families have been banded in
a club strangely like the "Knights of
the Round Table," whose members dis-
graced Germany and stepped themselves
in infamy.

WATER FRONT FIRE THREATENS FRISCO

Shipping Towed Out Into
Bay to Avoid Flames
Licking Up Docks.

\$500,000 DAMAGE
ALREADY IS DONE

Coast City Firemen Fighting
Blaze That May Sweep on City
Recently Risen From Ashes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—San Fran-
cisco, just emerging from the ashes of
the great earthquake and fire, this
morning faced another disaster, when
the bunkers of the Pacific Coal Com-
pany, on the water front, caught fire.

In a short time the warehouses and
docks which line the front were on fire,
the flames spreading with remarkable
rapidity, aided by the land breeze of
the morning.

The entire fire department was called
out immediately after the discovery of
the first blaze, and did effective work,
but owing to the inflammability of the
water front buildings, even its heroic
efforts could not check the devastation.

It is estimated that already more than
\$500,000 worth of damage has been done.
Most of the shipping has been towed
out of danger into the bay, and it is
now believed that the fire can be con-
fined to the water front.

STEWART IS NOT FIT
FOR ARMY RIDE TEST

Report of Board Says "Ex-
ile" Officer Is Afflicted by
Heart Disease.

"We are of the opinion that this of-
ficer is plainly incapacitated for active
service on account of heart disease
which he first exhibited thirty-four
years ago."

This was the report of the medical
board of army officers in the case of
Col. William F. Stewart, exiled to Ariz-
ona by order of President Roosevelt.

The case will not end with this de-
cision, as Colonel Stewart intends to
present testimony and to produce wit-
nesses of his own.

J. W. Lattimer, an attorney of the Dis-
trict, has been retained by Colonel
Stewart to appear before the board at
future hearings.

WRIGHT IN FLIGHT
WITH A PASSENGER

American Aviator Soars for Four
Minutes Nine Seconds—Ma-
chine Carries 238 Pounds.

LE MANS, Oct. 5.—Wright made
a flight in his aeroplane today of
four minutes and nine seconds, with
Leon Bollee as a passenger.

The additional weight carried by the
aeroplane was 238 pounds.

PRESIDENT IS TOLD
OF ALCOHOL TRADE

Capers Reports on Manufacture of
Denatured Product After a
Trip to Europe.

The President, who is much interested
in the denatured alcohol industry, re-
ceived a call this morning from John G.
Capers, Director of Internal Revenue,
who recently has been investigating the
industry in Europe.

The results of these investigations
were laid before the President, and it
was not improbable that he will refer to
the promotion of the industry in his mes-
sage to Congress.

Former Senator Allee of Delaware
called to pay his respects to the Pres-
ident today. Delaware was safe for
Taft, he said, but other than that he
could make no prediction, as he had
practically separated himself from polit-
ics.

POLICEMEN PROTEST
AGAINST BARROOM

Complaint Made With Excise Board
When License Is Asked for
by Harten.

Protest against the renewal of a
retail liquor license to Hugh Harten,
Brightwood road, near the Battleground
Cemetery, was made by the police of
the Tenth precinct before the excise
board today. It was alleged that liquor
has been sold to minors in the saloon,
which, the police say, has a bad rep-
utation.

In protesting against the renewal, A.
E. Shoemaker, attorney for the Anti-
Saloon League, said the saloon is in
a residential neighborhood, and that
the majority of the surrounding resi-
dents are opposed to its existence.

William P. Whelan, representing Har-
ten, declared the character of the place
was misrepresented and that the ma-
jority of the protestants live at a dis-
tance, many of them in Maryland.

At the conclusion of the hearing,
the board reserved decision.

\$5-45 to Philadelphia and Return,
via Pennsylvania Railroad, October 2 to
10; tickets good to return until Octo-
ber 15, inclusive. See ticket agent—Adva.